

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Pain Medicine (Multidisciplinary)
Summary and Impact of Interim Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: **NEW II.A.3.c)**

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

II.A.3. [Qualifications of the program director:]

II.A.3.c) must include documentation of ongoing academic achievements appropriate to the subspecialty, including publications, the development of educational programs, or the conduct of research. ^(Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision:
As a leader of the program, the program director serves as mentor and guide to the faculty members and fellows. Ensuring the program director's engagement in scholarship plays a critical role to ensuring that research opportunities are available to fellows and that fellows are exposed to a scholarly environment.

Additionally, for consistency, the new requirement aligns the program requirements with all other subspecialties under anesthesiology.
2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
The proposed new requirement will improve fellow education through providing better mentorship and cultivation of an environment of inquiry for fellows.
3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
N/A
4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?
No.
5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
The proposed new requirement will not impact other accredited programs.